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SUBJECT: TRAVEL OF LEBANESE SUPPLY COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

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1. YOU SHOULD INFORM TOUMA THAT THE DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCED IN ITS SEPTEMBER 23 STATEMENT (ON THE OCCASION OF PRESIDENT SARKIS'S INAUGURATION) THAT IT IS CONSIDERING THE SUPPLY OF WHEAT UNDER PL-480 TO LEBANON IN THE CONTEXT OF OUR CONTINUING HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE TO THAT COUNTRY, AS WE ALSO STATED AT THAT TIME, WE HAVE INVITED PRESIDENT SARKIS TO SEND A DESIGNATED EMISSARY TO WASHINGTON TO DISCUSS SPECIFIC WAYS, INCLUDING FOOD ASSISTANCE, IN WHICH THE USG CAN BE OF HELP TO PRESIDENT SARKIS AND THE CENTRAL GOVERNMENT IN REBUILDING NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AND MEETING LEBANON'S NATIONWIDE RELIEF NEEDS.

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2. WE HAVE NOT RPT NOT TAKEN DECISIONS RE LEVELS OF

POSSIBLE PL-480 ASSISTANCE AND WILL NOT RPT NOT DO SO
PENDING FUTURE CONSULTATIONS WITH SARKIS OR HIS EMISSARY.
YOU SHOULD INFORM TOUMA MOREOVER THAT BEIRUT FSL MAMARY IS
NOT RPT NOT INVOLVED IN SUCH CONSULTATIONS OR DECISIONS.

3. WITH FOREGOING UNDERSTOOD, WE WOULD BE PREPARED TO
TALK WITH TOUMA AND ALEX GEMAYEL IF THEY PLANNING VISIT
WASHINGTON. WE ARE AWARE OF TOUMA'S TALK WITH FORMER
BEIRUT DCM HOUGHTON IN JOUNIEH TWO MONTHS AGO AND WOULD
WELCOME THEIR GENERAL APPRECIATION OF LEBANESE SITUATION.
IF TOUMA AND GEMAYEL VISIT WASHINGTON, THEY SHOULD CONTACT
W. NATHANIEL HOWELL, JR. (TEL: 632-1019), LEBANON COUNTRY
OFFICER WITH WHOM GEMAYEL IS ACQUAINTED. KISSINGER

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